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THE HON. SRI C. J. VARKEY:—"(a) The revised syllabuses for elementary schools provide for the teaching of handicrafts in these schools.

"(b) Provision will be made, if funds permit, to meet the expenditure involved."

MR. J. A. SALDANHA:—"May I enquire what the amount provided for the remaining period of the year is?"

THE HON. SRI C. J. VARKEY:—"This year the amount we are going to provide is Rs. 6,000 for two training schools."

Recognition by the Government of the titles given by the Indian National Congress.

* 18 *Q.*—SRI RAO BAHADUR N. R. SAMIAPPA MUDALIYAR: Will the Hon. the Prime Minister be pleased to state—

(a) whether the Government recognized officially the titles conferred upon certain individuals by the Congress; and

(b) if so, whether the Government will place on the table details of such titles in their order of merit?

THE HON. SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARIAR:—"(a) The Government do not recognize any titles as such, but cannot disregard obvious facts or names and expressions of regard and respect universally recognized or sometimes even big titles assumed or used by certain persons as part of their own or their friends' names.

"(b) Does not arise."

SRI RAO BAHADUR N. R. SAMIAPPA MUDALIYAR:—"I am not able clearly to understand the meaning of the answer."

THE HON. SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARIAR:—"I have tried to answer a very difficult and delicate question as clearly as possible. I will read it again, and I am sure the meaning will be clear. (a) 'The Government do not recognize any titles as such, but cannot disregard obvious facts or names and expressions of regard and respect universally recognized or sometimes even big titles assumed or used by certain persons as part of their own or their friends' names.'

"(b) Does not arise."

SRI A. RANGASWAMI AYYANGAR:—"May I ask whether the Government are aware of the fact that 'Mudaliyar' itself originated as a title and has now become part of the regular name?"

THE HON. SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARIAR:—"Yes, Sir; as much as 'Ayyangar' and 'Chariar.'" (Laughter)

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SRI RAO BAHADUR N. R. SAMIAPPA MUDALIYAR:—"May I ask whether 'Sardar' was recognized by the Government?"

THE HON. SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARIAR:—"'Sardar' falls under the class which I referred to as 'expressions of regard and respect universally recognized' in the country."

Expenditure for Revenue Divisional offices and proposal, if any, to abolish them.

* 19 *Q.*—SRI P. VEERABHADRASWAMI: Will the Hon. the Minister for Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) what the total expenditure incurred by the Government is for all the Revenue Divisional offices in the Presidency in 1938–39; and

(*b*) whether there is any proposal to abolish these offices?

THE HON. SRI T. PRAKASAM:—"(*a*) The Budget Estimate and the Revised Estimate for 1938–39 are given below:—

	Budget estimate.	Revised estimate.
	RS.	RS.
Charged	5,28,000	4,69,000
Voted	14,22.300	15,06,200
Total ..	19,50,300	19,75,200

"The actual expenditure for that year is not yet available.

"(*b*) There is no such proposal."

Patients thrown out of the Tirumani Leper Settlement and other leper asylums and provisions for housing them.

* 20 *Q.*—MR. J. A. SALDANHA: Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Health be pleased to refer to the answer given to my question No. 248 on 12th May 1939 and to state—

(*a*) whether the Government can now give the approximate number of the leper patients thrown out of the Tirumani Leper Settlement and leper asylums aided by the Government as a result of the action taken on G.O. Ms. No. 4535, P.H., dated 19th December 1938;

(*b*) whether the Government have ascertained if any charitable institutions have undertaken to house and care for such thrown-out patients;

(*c*) if so, which of them and to what extent such offers have been made; and

(*d*) whether the Government are prepared to give grant-in-aid to such agencies?